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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: CLEMENCY FOR CONDEMNED UGANDANS

1. ACCORDING TO SEPTEMBER 8 REUTERS REPORT FROM NAIROBI,
UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN HAS REJECTED LIBERIAN PRESIDENT
TOLBERT'S APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY IN THE CASES OF 12 ALLEGED
COUP PLOTS CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD. ACCORDING
TO RADIO UGANDA, REUTERS CONTINUES, AMIN REJECTED TOLBERT
APPEAL ON GROUNDS THAT HE COULD NOT COUNTERMAND EXECUTION
ORDER CONFIRMED BY UGANDAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM GIST OF ABOVE
REPORT (WHICH WE HAVE NO REASON TO DISCOUNT), SUGGEST
CHARGE IMMEDIATELY PASS FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT ON
INFORMAL BASIS:

-- US WELCOMES AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS YOUR HUMANITARIAN

ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF CONDEMNED UGANDANS.

-- WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH AND EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS ON THIS SAME MATTER TO A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS, BUT HAVE SO FAR REFRAINED FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN THE BELIEF THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WOULD LIKELY SEAL THE FATE OF THE 12 CONDEMNED MEN. VANCE

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